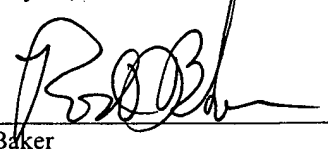


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005, Applicant responds as follows:

The claims of the application are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has identified two inventions. Claims 1-24 are drawn to a method of making a device. Claims 25-49 are drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a device.

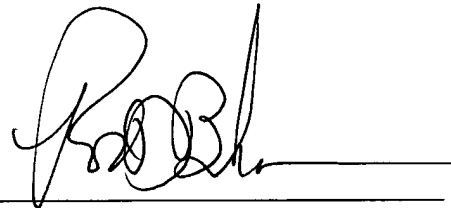
Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-24, for examination on the merits.
This election is made without traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests that examination of claims 1-24 on their merits proceed. Claims 25-49 may be withdrawn in anticipation of a divisional application.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions regarding the application, he is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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